

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 183

By Eldridge

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Johnny Lane, proprietor of James Shoe Hospital of Jackson.

WHEREAS, it is an honor for this General Assembly to recognize those estimable businesses in Tennessee which have maintained the highest ideals of product quality and customer service throughout their existence; and

WHEREAS, one such establishment is James Shoe Hospital, which is owned and operated by Johnny Lane of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, James Shoe Hospital was founded in 1899 by D.B. and Lena James; Mr. Lane started working for the company at the age of sixteen, riding a bicycle to deliver merchandise for seven to eight dollars salary per week; and

WHEREAS, after a time, he was given the opportunity to observe the day-to-day operations of the shoe repair business and found that the work appealed to him; and

WHEREAS, after enlisting in the U.S. Army during World War II, Johnny Lane married his junior high sweetheart, Edwina Plunk of McNairy County; and

WHEREAS, with the successful completion of military training in St. Petersburg, Florida, Mr. Lane headed for duty in Fresno, California; it was there that he developed a serious medical condition affecting his eardrums, and he was discharged from military service; and

WHEREAS, Johnny Lane returned to Jackson and the James Shoe Hospital, where he became a master craftsman in the practice of shoe repair, eventually taking over the business and providing a valuable service to the good people of Madison County and beyond for more than six decades; and

WHEREAS, Johnny and Edwina Lane celebrated their 67th anniversary in April, and they are the proud parents of four children: Alice Teague, Carol Singleton, Nancy Bane, and

Tommy Lane, and they are the grandparents of six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, throughout his long and exemplary career at James Shoe Hospital, Mr. Lane has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding gentleman's remarkable success is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to recognize James Shoe Hospital's illustrious proprietor, Johnny Lane, for his many years of providing expert shoe repair to the good people of Jackson and the surrounding area; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Johnny Lane for his exemplary tenure as a master craftsman at James Shoe Hospital. We applaud his many decades of service to the community and offer to him our fondest wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.